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Land Reform Meeting.

Grand Demonstration at Tammany Hall.

There was a glorious rally of the friends of Free Homes for the People, last night, at Tammany Hall, got up under the auspices of the Land Reformers of the Second Ward. The Hall was thoroughly filled at an early hour by an attentive and quiet assembly—a most unusual occurrence in the Old Bowery.

At about 8 o'clock, the meeting was called to order, and the following officers (residents of the Second Ward) were appointed:

J. K. INGALLS, President.
Dr. Wm. J. Young, Vice-President.

Ben. Price, M. Ryan, Andrew White.

Ben. Price then read the following Address and Resolutions:

It has been asserted, on authority almost universally recognized in this country, that Governments are instituted for the security of the right and happiness of the people, and that when they become insufficient for, or destructive of this end, the people may justly amend or alter them, or abolish them, and substitute others. May it not be added that where they can do this so easily as by depositing a ballot, it is folly or cowardice in them to fail to do so. Can anything be more notorious than the fact that the Governments, State and National, since we now live, do not secure the rights and happiness of the people, as perfectly as they might? Do we not see Rich and Poor among us as in despotic Governments? Rich, who have become so through no labor or merit of their own, and Poor, who are so through no demerit or lack of industry in them? Is it not plain that all that every species of the product of labor passes immediately from the hands of its ingenious and industrious yet poverty-stricken creators into the keeping accounts of those whose only labor consists in keeping accounts of their Aladdin like accumulations, and contriving how to consume the luxuries they afford? Here, in this city, twelve or sixteen hours monotonous and health destroying toil of the widowed or orphaned mother, in her rented garret, who is rewarded with two or three shillings, while the man who is merrily engaged in exchanging the products of labor, pockets twenty or thirty percent, for the few hours he spends away from his luxurious up-town or country mansion; and from the workshop, the mine, the ocean or the farm numerous examples might be drawn of similar oppressions between the toilers' pittance and the proprietors' gambling gains. But let us pass over the sufficiently oft-told tale, and come at once to a question. *Why does a creature as noble as man produce the same bitter fruits as the rotten Despotism of the Old World?* The solution of the riddle has been discovered: our Republic has been based on the same rotten foundation as the crumbling Despotisms—on LAND MONOPOLY.

How could it be otherwise than that there should be Rich Idlers and Poor Toilers, while a few are allowed to become proprietors of the ground on which all must draw their subsistence? Could an increasing population of landless laborers become anything but poorer and more dependent, on an acre of ground that never widens an inch, and the increased price of which is the result of their increasing numbers and aggregation, yet upon which they are forced to pay each succeeding year an additional premium? Let us cease to wonder then at a result so inevitable from a cause so palpable, and inquire directly for the remedy. If a Despotism can only maintain its rule by a cruel and oppressive land monopoly, is it not a legitimate deduction that a true Republicanism can only be permanently established on the foundation of a LAND DEMOCRACY? We unhesitatingly affirm that our form of Government requires only the enactment of the Free Soil principle to reduce to practice the theoretic truths of our Declaration of Independence.

Resolved, That the proper object of a Republican Government is to secure to every human being every right, and that no pretended necessity of giving up a portion of man's rights for the purpose of securing the remainder, is a fallacy calculated for the support of Despotism.

Resolved, That the right of primary necessity is that of the means of subsistence, the use of the soil, without which the individual must either live in dependence or die.

Resolved, That notwithstanding our education from infancy, under the ill recently unquestioned influences of an imported system of land traffic and monopoly, the increasing numbers and dependence of our landless population, have forced a return to first principles, and developed to our view the wrongfulness, the crushing injustice of Land Monopoly.

Resolved, That the most just and feasible measures to abolish Land Monopoly, and secure homes to all, are, first, to prevent any future acquisition of land by individuals, above an ample sufficiency for land by individuals; secondly, to prohibit all traffic in the public lands, and to ensure them free, in sufficient portions, to the landless; and thirdly, to declare the homesteads exempt from all liability for debt, and transferable only to landless people.

Resolved, That all Government grants of land to military or naval services are illegitimate, because if the soldier already has a home, his proper recompense was a cash payment for his services, and if he had no home he was probably forced to the war by his necessities, (an involuntary substitute for some land or money-monger who took care to stay away), and has rather a claim to a Government grant upon his land—his reward to be peddled away for the means of temporary subsistence, again to be used for speculation on the necessities of the landless poor.

Resolved, That no candidate for any office ought to receive the vote of any friend of equal rights and just government, unless pledged in writing to use all his influence, whether elected or not, to carry into effect the three Land Reform measures, the Free Home System to factories and on public lands, and such other measures for the temporary relief of the landless toilers as may become necessary till the land measures can be enforced by law.

Resolved, That the speedy accomplishment of a Land Reform and Labor Emancipation requires the unceasing activity of the voter, not only at the primary elections, but in every sphere of everyday life.

Resolved, That Land Reform is the reform of first importance to the cause of Freedom and the existence of this Republic.

After the reading of the Address and Resolutions, (which were adopted with a thundering Aye!) the following letters were read from Hons. Henry D. Moore, A. G. Brown of Mass. (received with frequent interruptions of cheers, and three cheers for the writer), and the German Musical Society:

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